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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
WO 93/11631	PCT	June 10, 1993
03-286566	Japan	December 17, 1991
01-248542	Japan	October 4, 1989
0 896 480	EPO	February 10, 1999

### REMARKS

The above-listed documents were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how those references are deemed material to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required.

Also, since this paper is being submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of the communication from the European Patent Office, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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